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SUBJECT: STEP FORWARD FOR CYBER-SECURITY IN ITALY

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11. LESS THAN THREE MONTHS AFTER OUR BILATERAL INITIATIVE ON THE SUBJECT, THE GOI IS TAKING A STEP FORWARD TO BETTER PROTECT KEY GOVERNMENT COMPUTER SYSTEMS FROM ATTACK (REF A). POST HAS LEARNED THAT ITALY IS CREATING A COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE AND LEAD PUBLIC SECTOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) PROTECTION ACTIVITIES. THE COMMITTEE WILL BE A JOINT-VENTURE BETWEEN THE INNOVATION MINISTRY AND THE COMMUNICATIONS  
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MINISTRY, AND BE MADE UP OF FIVE INDIVIDUALS (THREE APPOINTED BY THE INNOVATION MINISTRY AND TWO APPOINTED BY THE COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY). THE DECREE ENACTING THE CREATION OF THE COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY BEEN SIGNED BY INNOVATION MINISTER STANCA AND SHOULD BE SIGNED BY COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER GASPARRI SHORTLY. THE MINISTERS ENVISION THE COMMITTEE WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL IN SEPTEMBER.

12. AS PART OF OUR ON-GOING FOLLOW-UP TO OUR LATE APRIL -EARLY MAY CRITICAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVE (CIIP) (REF. B), WE WILL FOLLOW THIS MATTER CLOSELY AND BE IN CONTACT WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ONCE THEY ARE NAMED.

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